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- 1. On the basis of the material presented to the committee, the DDR is capable of raising an army of 1,200,000 men in case of an emergency. The committee proposes the following:
  - A. The establishment of an army of 300,000 men which is to be divided as follows:
    - 1. Ground: 220,000
    - 2. Sea: 20,000
    - 3. Air: 60,000
  - B. The police units are to be the cadre of the army.
  - C. Red Army equipment is to be used. The following weapons would be needed: 4,000 tanks, 12,000 guns (sic) three submarines, one cruiser, and 200 aircraft.
  - D. Training is to be in three stages:
    - 1. One day weekly training on caserne grounds for all those capable of bearing arms.
    - 2. Three month courses in specialized military branches for those selected from the basic training course.
    - 3. Officers and enlisted men are to sign up for four to six years for cadre duty. These will train men in the first and second stages. Six more months are required to train existing police units for this duty.

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- E. The formation of a high command, to be located in Potsdam.
- F. The formation of a service, also to be located in Potsdam, which is to produce OB and war production intelligence and to conduct counterespionage.
- G. Formation of a state secretariat directly responsible to the presidental office. The secretariat is to include planning, equipment, quartermaster, budget and civil defense sections. It will have authority to direct other ministries.
- The decisions were submitted to a Red Army review commission on 10 June which commented upon them as follows:
  - A. The three training stages are acceptable.
  - B. The cadre army is to be raised to 400,000 men of which 290,000 are to be allotted to the ground forces, 30,000 to the navy, and 80,000 to the air and intelligence services.
  - C. The following Red Army supplies are to be turned over by 1 September:

1,000 medium tanks

2,000 heavy tanks

4,000 heavy guns 8,000 light and medium guns

6,000 trucks

200 one-engine jet planes

600 heavy bombers

300 light bombers

120 two engine jet planes 2 submarines

- D. The formation of the national army is to begin by 1 September.
- E. The equipment of the police units is to remain untouched. Fifty percent of the police are to be transferred to the cadre army. The police will continue to function as a state political security force.3
- F. The immediate establishment of an intelligence service in Potsdam-Babelsberg. Trained SSD personnel are to be incorporated into this service by 15 July.
- G. The DDR is to begin arms production.

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H. The Wismar and Rostock shippards are to begin immediately the construction of three submarines, two training ships, and one light cruiser. These are to be completed by 1 September (sic).

Comment: The committee. presumably refers to the SED Central Committee. 25X1

Comment: The assorted equipment supposedly to be turned over to the proposed national army, in certain categories, exceeds the total armament of the Soviet Occupation Forces. Moreover the existing airfields in the Soviet Zone of Germany could not accommodate an air fleet of such

Comment: The type of the police units referred to, whether HVA or HVdVP, is not clearly specified.

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